

MINUTES
Dentist/Dental Hygienists Licensing Board
February 20, 2004
Room 4A
160 E 300 S Heber Wells Bldg
Salt Lake City Utah

Convened: 8:01 a.m.

Adjourned: 12:22 p.m.

Division Staff Present:

Bureau Manager
DOPL Investigator
Board Secretary
Acting Board Secretary

Daniel T. Jones
Robert Downard
Lee Avery
Sally Canavan

Members Present:

Sue Vicchrilli, Chairperson
Brent Larson, DDS
Anna Policelli RDH
John Chambers, DDS
Wade Martineau, DDS, MD
Joseph Mirci, DDS
Brian Lundberg, DDS
Warren Woolsey, DDS

Members Absent:

Frances McConaughy, RDH

Guests Present:

Michael Haynie
Monte Thompson, UDA
Stephen S. Morgan, UDA
Richard C Engar, DDS, PIE
Danaka Stanger
Erick McCormick
Kristy Bingham
Kaedell Ellis
Kari-Lynn Middleton
Suzanna Godfrey
Sue Dougherty, UDHA Representative

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Minutes

DECISIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The minutes for January 16, 2004 were reviewed. Motioned to approve with changes by Dr. Chambers, seconded by Dr. Mirci. The motion carried unanimously.

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Appointments:

DOPL Investigator - Mr. Bob Downard

Mr. Downard introduced himself to the Board and reviewed the current Complaint stats for 2003 with the Board. Mr. Downard advised the Board how complaints are received, reviewed and investigated. Mr. Downard stated sometimes cases are not resolved until after the criminal charges are resolved. It depends on how serious the violation. The board asked Mr. Downard to meet with it bi-annually regarding its statistics.

Dr. Bret Tucker - Probation Interview

Dr. Chambers reviewed with the Board Dr. Tuckers file. Dr. Tucker presented himself to the Board with Dr. Haynie. Dr. Tucker advised the Board he is here for substance abuse. The last time he used drugs was in April 1999. Dr. Tucker stated Dr. Haynie gave him an opportunity to work with him and he has enjoyed it a lot more than he thought he would. Dr. Tucker stated his family is doing fine. Dr. Tucker gave the Board the cards showing he has been attending the meetings. Dr. Tucker noted there are a lot of professionals attending this meeting and its been a good reminder of the progress he has made. Dr. Tucker stated the only medications he is taking is for allergies i.e. Zyrtec, Sudafed, and still has only one physician. Dr. Tucker stated he works Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and some Saturdays.

Dr. Haynie advised the Board Dr. Tucker has been very reliable. Dr. Haynie stated he has reviewed some of the case files Dr. Tucker has worked, including x-rays, pre and post op and his quality of work is up to standards. Dr. Haynie stated he trusts Dr. Tucker's judgment and usually sees him twice a week. Dr. Haynie stated when Controlled Substances are needed, they are handled through him, however, they treat truck drivers and they prefer to use Ibuprofen or other non controlled substance measures.

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Dr. Haynie stated if controlled substances are needed, he writes the prescription and hard copies are kept in the individual's file. The Board asked to see Dr. Tucker in June 2004. **In Compliance**

Dr. Kenneth Palmer – Probation Interview

Dr. Kenneth Palmer presented himself to the Board. Ms. Policelli conducted the interview. Dr. Palmer reviewed with the Board the reason his license is on probation. Dr. Palmer stated he had a problem with substance abuse, spent thirty (30) days in a treatment program. Dr. Palmer stated he is required to attend two (2) Professionals in Recovery meetings a month, however is trying to attend more as time permits. Dr. Palmer stated he is still doing random drug screens and is not presently taking medications. Dr. Palmer stated he sees only one physician. His practice is going well. Dr. Palmer stated he has three (3) assistants, two (2) receptionists and one (1) dental hygienist. Dr. Palmer advised the Board he is obtaining his continuing education (CE's). Dr. Palmer asked the Board to consider giving his controlled substance back. He would like his class three (3) or two (2). The Board discussed this in detail and decided it would re-consider this request in six (6) months. The Board asked to see Dr. Palmer in August 2004. **In Compliance**

Dr. Peter Eldridge – Probation Interview

Dr. Eldridge presented himself to the Board. Dr. Martineau conducted the interview. Dr. Eldridge advised the Board his license is on probation because he developed a drug addiction. Dr. Eldridge advised the Board Dr. Burns was unable to attend this meeting, however, he gave Dr. Eldridge a letter for the Board. Dr. Eldridge stated he has been sober for almost two and a half (2 ½) years. Dr. Eldridge advised the Board works five (5) days a week. Dr. Eldridge stated he still works in Wendover Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at his office in Salt Lake. Dr. Eldridge stated his office in Wendover does not have staff, however, his office in Salt Lake does.

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Dr. Eldridge stated he has one (1) assistant/receptionist working with him and she is aware of his history. Dr. Eldridge stated they are remodeling the office in Salt Lake. Dr. Eldridge advised the Board he has thirty (30) units of Continuing Education (CE's) for a home study course, he is trying to specialize in Cosmetic Dentistry and would like to attend the UDA meeting. Dr. Eldridge stated he is in the process of getting a new software on dentistry for charting and clinical. Dr. Eldridge advised the Board starting the new business has been fun and has given him a feeling of accomplishment and has not been stressful. The operatory will have state of the art equipment. Dr. Eldridge advised the Board he does his own charting and is writing on the charts the materials used. Dr. Eldridge gave the Board several charts for it to review. The Board noticed no problems. The Board asked to see Dr. Eldridge in June 2004. **In Compliance**

Dr. John Day – update – Mr. Jones

Mr. Jones advised the Board he mailed the letter the Board requested, to Dr. Day in January. Dr. Day called Mr. Jones and was advised to submit a practice plan to Mr. Jones for the Board to review. As of this date Dr. Day has not submitted the required information.

Dr. Rod Gardner – update – Mr. Jones

Mr. Jones advised the Board Dr. Gardner would like to meet with the Board in March. Dr. Gardner has been obtaining his Continuing Education (CE's). The Board briefly discussed Dr. Day reinstating his license and looks forward to meeting with him in March.

ADA/AADE Convention – Mr. Jones

Mr. Jones advised the Board of the ADA/AADE mid winter convention, March 29, 2004. The Board member will leave on Sunday and return on Tuesday evening. The meeting will be held in Chicago. ADA/AADE will pay the Board Members expenses. Ms. Policelli stated she is interested in attending and will advise Mr. Jones at a later date.

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Conscious Sedation, Rule Change – Mr. Jones

Dr. Mirci reviewed with the Board the proposed Conscious Sedation Rule changes. The Board discussed the proposed rule in detail. Dr. Mirci will make the suggested changes and bring them back to the Board for its review in March.

The Board wanted to thank Dr. Mirci for the hours he has volunteered to researching and developing the “Conscious Sedation Rule” proposal. The Board appreciates all of the hard work and time spent completing this proposal.

Dental Hygienist Anesthesia – Ms. Policelli

Ms. Policelli motioned to change the Dental Hygienist anesthesia requirements section 69-204(4) having a current active license to administer local anesthesia and held the same license in another state with two (2) years experience, seconded by Dr. Chambers. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones will add this to the rule change proposal for review.

Dr. Martineau motioned to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Mirci. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Board Meeting:

Next Meeting March 19, 2004,

Date Approved

Chairperson, Dentist & Dental Hygienist Licensing Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Div. of Occupational & Professional Licensing

Dans to do list or dds 2/04

1. See Dr. Tucker in June. ***NOTE make Dr. Tucker the first interview....
2. Mr. Jones advised the Board Dr. Gardner would like to meet with it in March.